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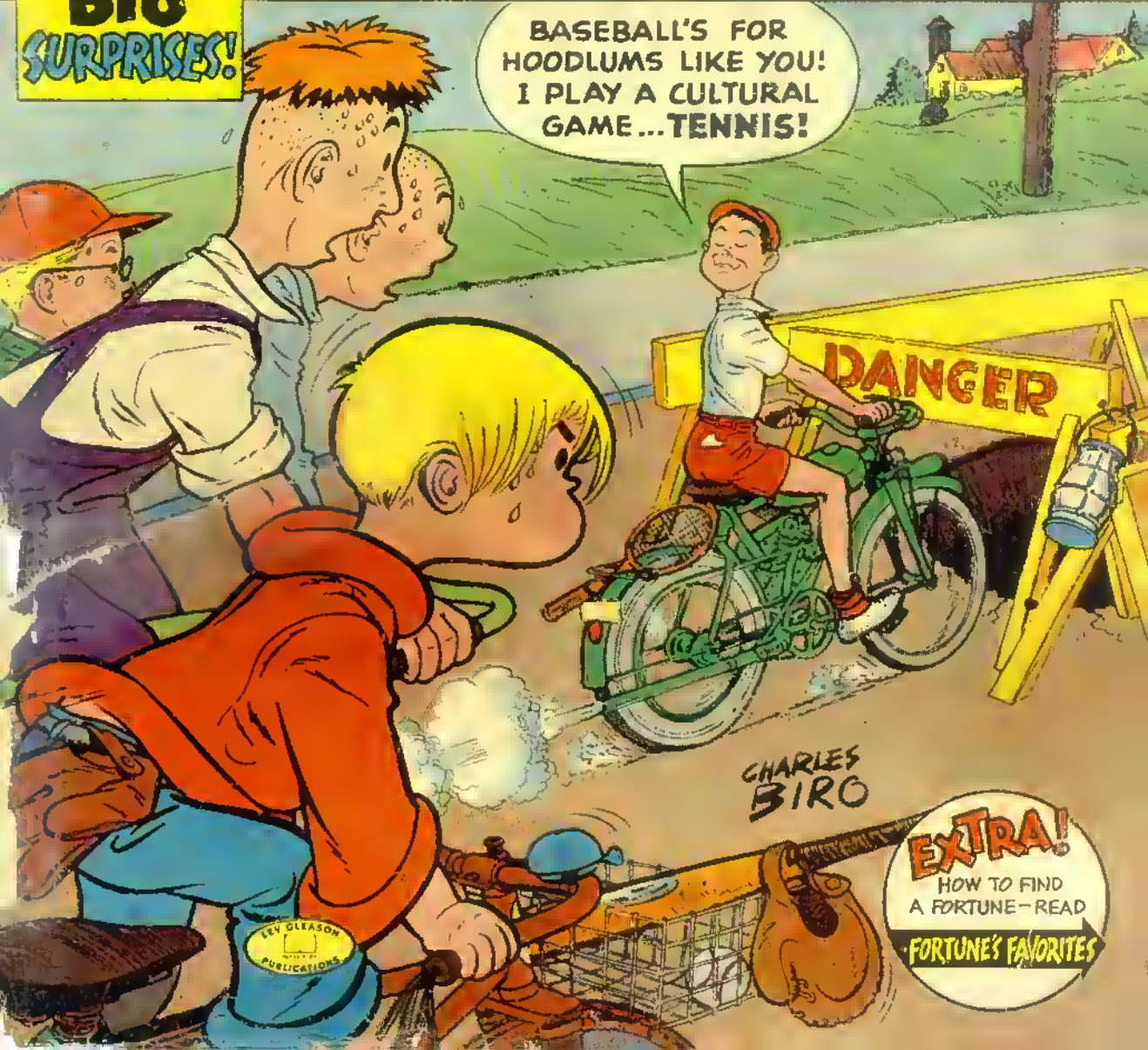
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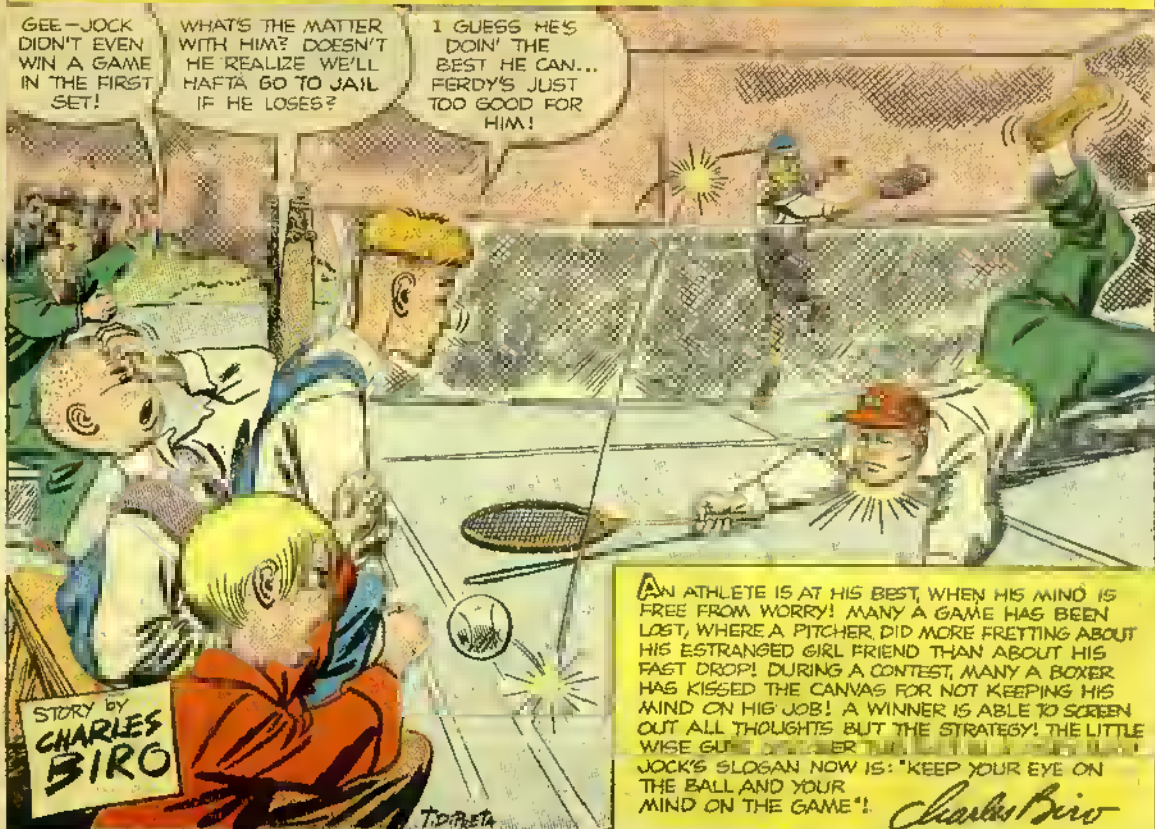
# the LITTLE WISE GUYS

## IN "THE RACKET BUSTERS"

GEE—JOCK DIDN'T EVEN WIN A GAME IN THE FIRST SET!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM? DOESN'T HE REALIZE WE'LL HAFTA GO TO JAIL IF HE LOSES?

I GUESS HE'S DOIN' THE BEST HE CAN... FERDY'S JUST TOO GOOD FOR HIM!



AN ATHLETE IS AT HIS BEST, WHEN HIS MIND IS FREE FROM WORRY! MANY A GAME HAS BEEN LOST, WHERE A PITCHER DID MORE FRETTING ABOUT HIS ESTRANGED GIRL FRIEND THAN ABOUT HIS FAST DROP! DURING A CONTEST, MANY A BOXER HAS KISSED THE CANVAS FOR NOT KEEPING HIS MIND ON HIS JOB! A WINNER IS ABLE TO SCREEN OUT ALL THOUGHTS BUT THE STRATEGY! THE LITTLE WISE GUYS' SLOGAN NOW IS: "KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL AND YOUR MIND ON THE GAME!"

*Charles Biro*

JEEPERS! IF THE PARK DEPARTMENT WON'T LET US SELL TICKETS TO OUR BALL GAME, HOW ARE WE GONNA RAISE MONEY FOR NEW EQUIPMENT?

HEY! THERE'S A VACANT LOT RIGHT ACROSS FROM THE MARKHAM MILLS! MAYBE THEY'LL LET US USE IT!

WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?

WOULD YOU LET US PLAY ON THE LOT?

I'M ONLY THE FOREMAN—BUT IT'S OKAY WITH ME! AND PUT ME DOWN FOR TWO TICKETS!

GOSH—YOU SURE ARE A SWELL GUY, MISTER FOREMAN!

HEY, WISE GUYS! I'LL MAKE THE TICKETS ON MY PRINTIN' SET! JOEY AN' ME'LL SELL 'EM!

MY POP SAID HE'D GIVE US THE LUMBER TO BUILD THE SEATS!

OKAY! THE REST OF US CAN CLEAN THE LOT OFF, AND LINE THE FIELD!

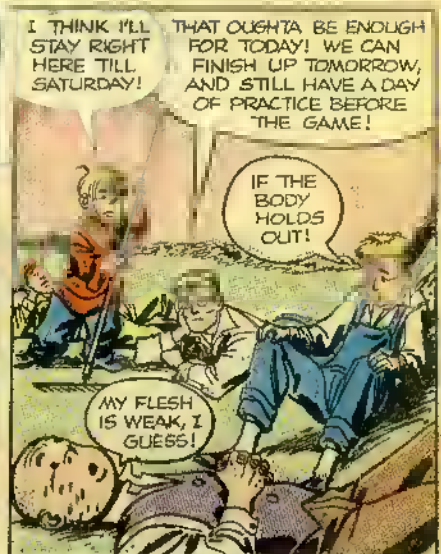






HOURS LATER... WE PRINTED UP 350 TICKETS, AND WE'VE SOLD OVER A HUNDRED ALREADY! EVERYBODY WANTS TO COME!

SWELL! AT THE RATE WE'RE GOING, WE'LL HAVE THE FIELD READY BY SATURDAY—EASY!

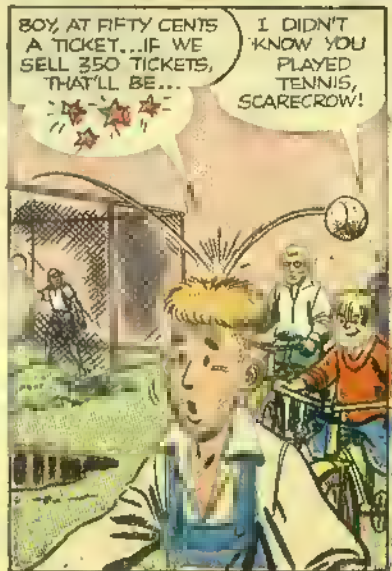


I THINK I'LL STAY RIGHT HERE TILL SATURDAY!

THAT OUGHTA BE ENOUGH FOR TODAY! WE CAN FINISH UP TOMORROW, AND STILL HAVE A DAY OF PRACTICE BEFORE THE GAME!

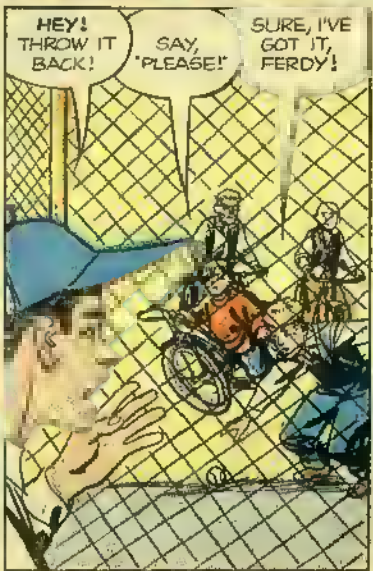
IF THE BODY HOLDS OUT!

MY FLESH IS WEAK, I GUESS!



BOY, AT FIFTY CENTS A TICKET...IF WE SELL 350 TICKETS, THAT'LL BE...

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU PLAYED TENNIS, SCARECROW!



HEY! THROW IT BACK!

SAY, 'PLEASE!'

SURE, I'VE GOT IT, FERDY!

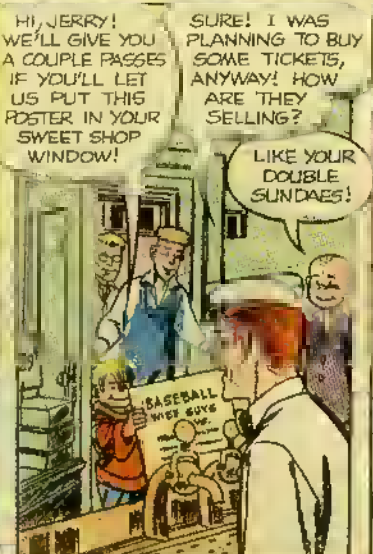


YOU MISSED! GRAB IT, YOU MORON! IT'S GONNA ROLL INTO THAT MUD!

LISTEN TO THE CREEP! LET IT ROLL, SCARECROW!



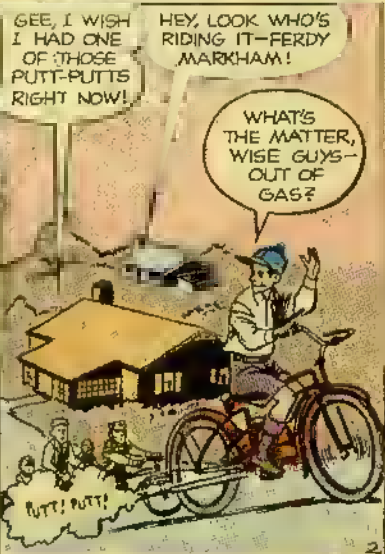
GET IT YOURSELF!  
DARN! DARN! NOW I HAVE TO WALK OUT!



HI, JERRY! WE'LL GIVE YOU A COUPLE PASSES IF YOU'LL LET US PUT THIS POSTER IN YOUR SWEET SHOP WINDOW!

SURE! I WAS PLANNING TO BUY SOME TICKETS, ANYWAY! HOW ARE THEY SELLING?

LIKE YOUR DOUBLE SUNDAES!



GEE, I WISH I HAD ONE OF THOSE PUTT-PUTTS RIGHT NOW!

HEY, LOOK WHO'S RIDING IT—FERDY MARKHAM!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, WISE GUYS—OUT OF GAS?

PUTT! PUTT!



IF YOU WERE  
CLEARING A  
BALL FIELD  
ALL DAY, YOU'D  
NEED REFUEL-  
ING, TOO!

BASEBALL IS JUST  
THE GAME FOR  
HOODLUMS LIKE  
YOU! I PLAY A  
CULTURAL GAME!  
TENNIS!

WELL,  
LA DE DA!

DANGER!

PUTT!

WATCH OUT  
WHERE YOU'RE  
GOING, YOU  
CHOWDERHEAD!

I DON'T NEED  
ADVICE FROM...  
YIIIIII!!

YEEEOOWWW!!

LET'S GIVE  
HIM A  
HAND!

MUST  
WE?

I DON'T  
NEED  
HELP FROM  
RUFFIANS  
LIKE YOU!

LEAVING  
THAT DOPE  
STRANDED  
IS GETTING  
MONOTONOUS!

WAIT A MINUTE,  
FELLAS! MAYBE  
I WAS A  
LITTLE HASTY!

SAVE  
YOUR BREATH  
FOR CLIMBING,  
BUSTER! YOUR  
STUPIDITY IS  
SHOWING!

THE NEXT AFTERNOON...

MASTER MARKHAM!  
THE LITTLE WISE GUYS  
ARE PLAYING BALL  
ON THE OLD PARK-  
LOT! DID YOU  
SEE THEM?

WELL, WELL, SO  
WELL! SO  
THEY'RE USING MY  
FATHER'S FIELD!  
WE'LL SEE  
ABOUT THAT!

HELLO, FERDINAND!  
DID YOU GET  
YOUR MOTOR  
BIKE FIXED?

YES! THEY JUST  
PUT ON TWO  
NEW WHEELS,  
AND IT'S GOOD  
AS NEW!

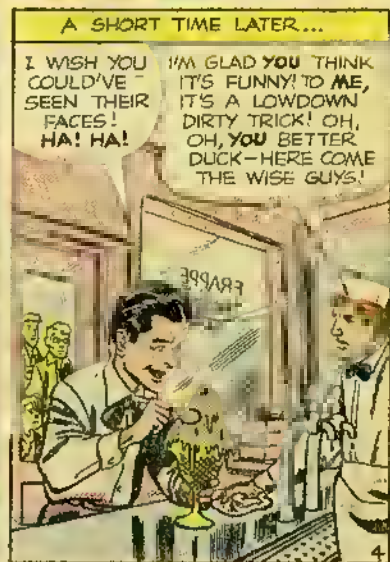
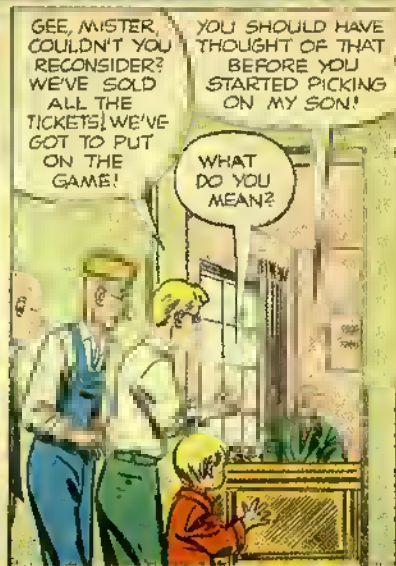
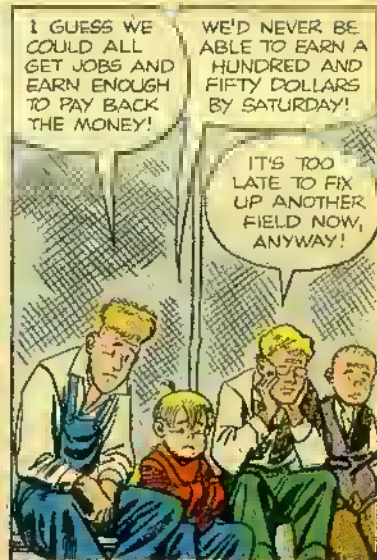
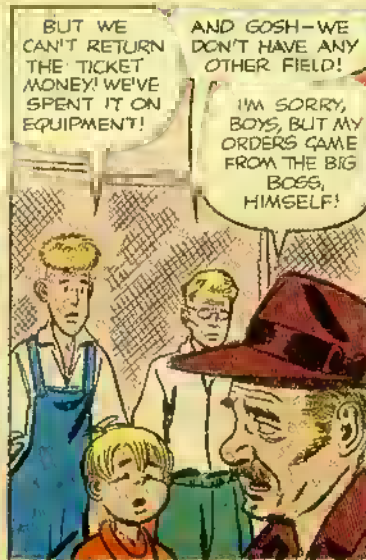
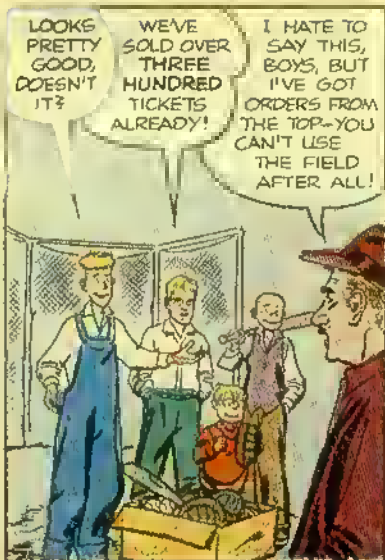
DID YOU EVER  
LEARN THE  
NAME OF THOSE  
LITTLE HOODLUMS  
WHO BEAT YOU  
UP, AND SMASHED  
THE BIKE?

NOW ISN'T THAT A  
COINCIDENCE! THERE  
THEY ARE—ON  
THAT FIELD  
ACROSS THE  
STREET! THAT'S  
YOUR PROPERTY,  
ISN'T IT?

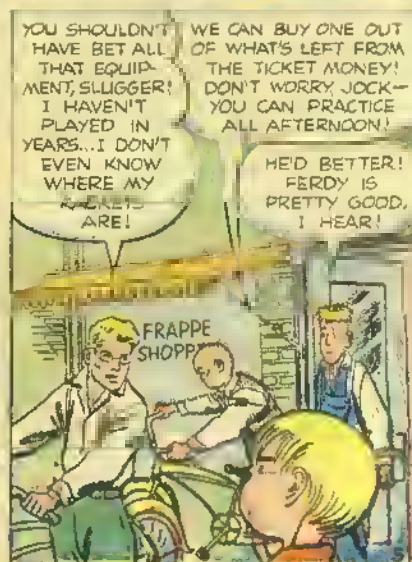
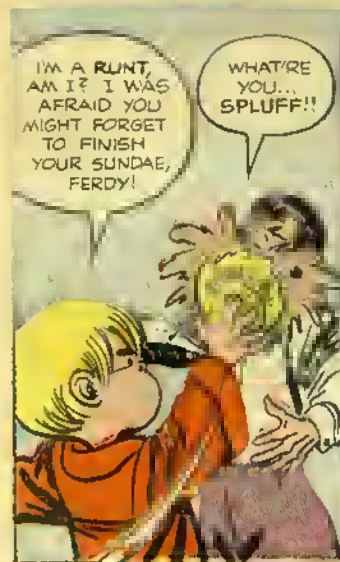
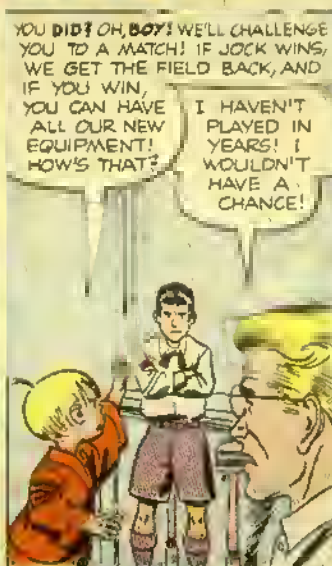
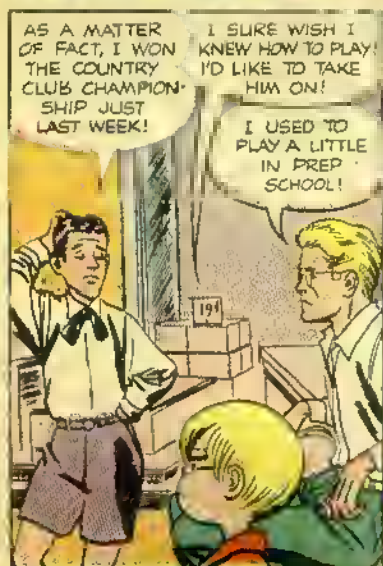
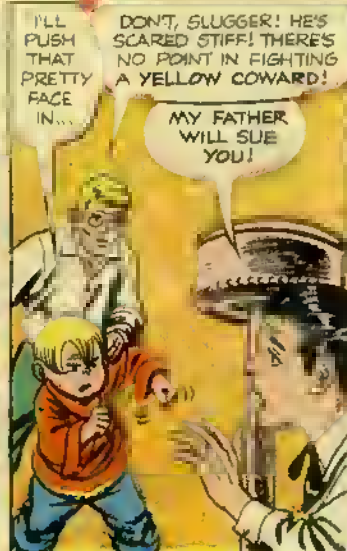
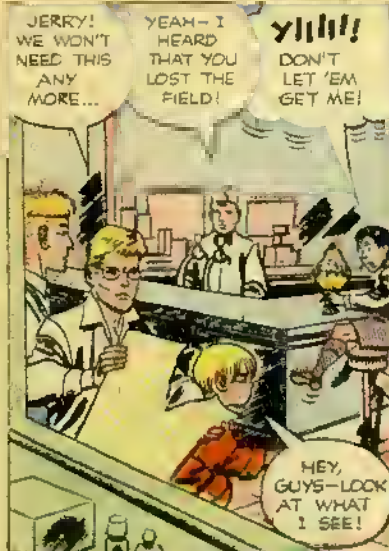
BY GEORGE,  
YES!!  
I'LL HAVE  
THEM  
THROWN OFF  
AT ONCE!

OH, FATHER...DON'T  
DO THAT—JUST  
FOR ME! OF  
COURSE, THEY  
MIGHT HIT A  
BALL THRO'—  
YOUR WINDOW...

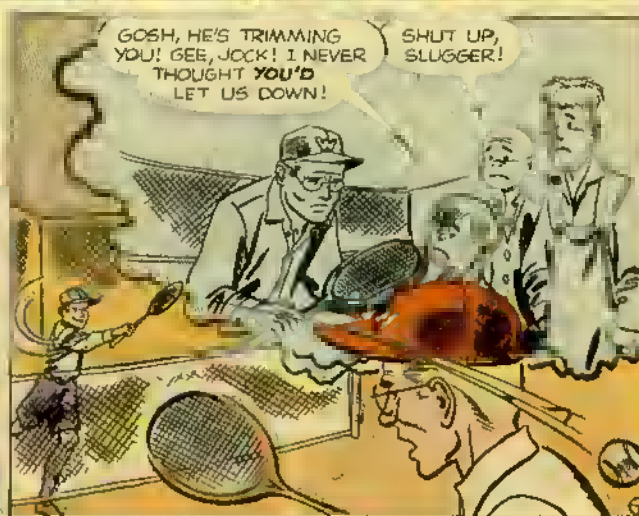
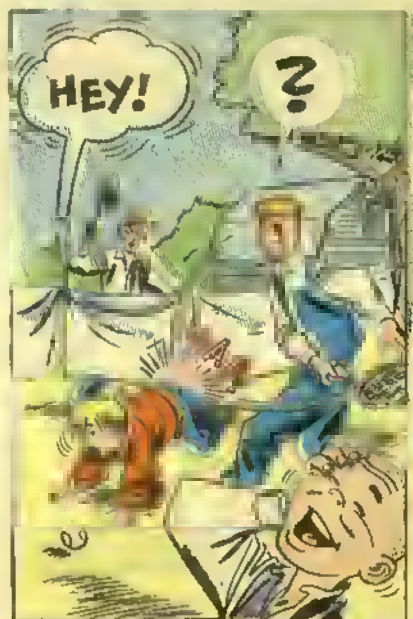
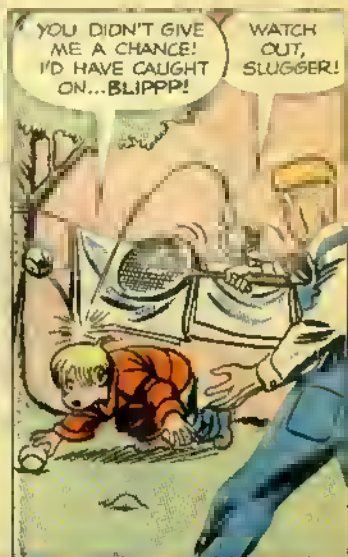




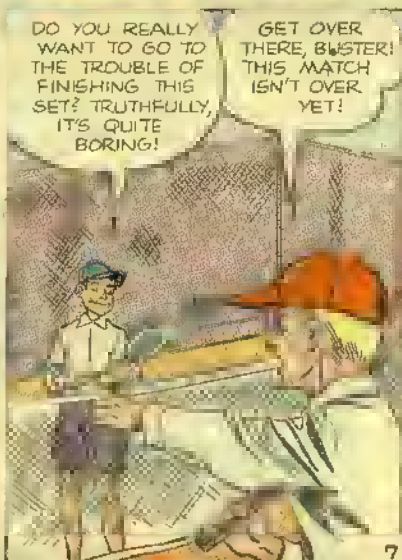
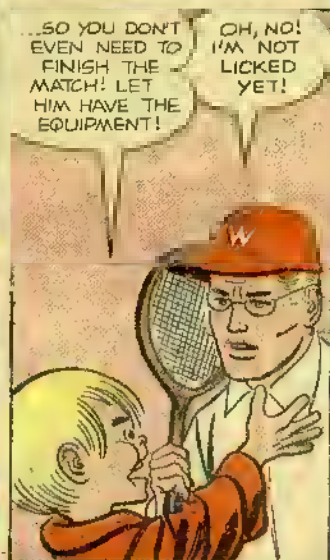
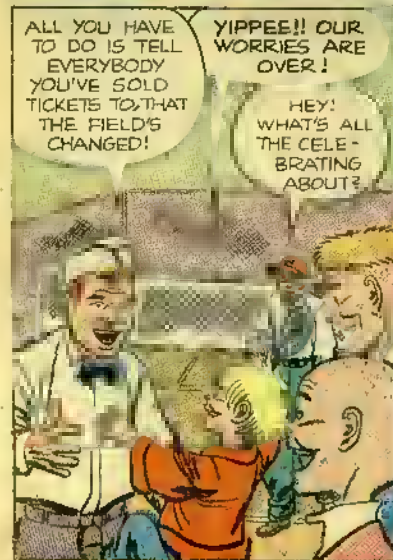
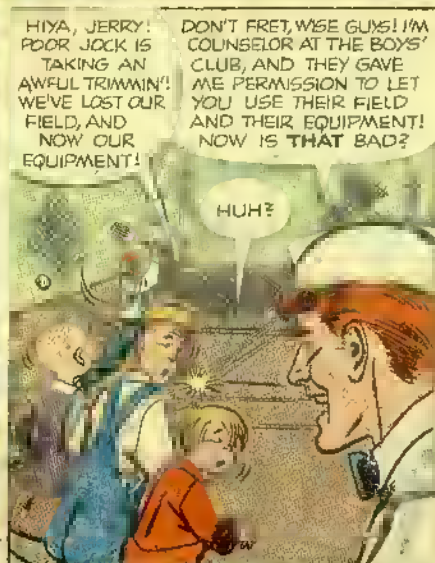
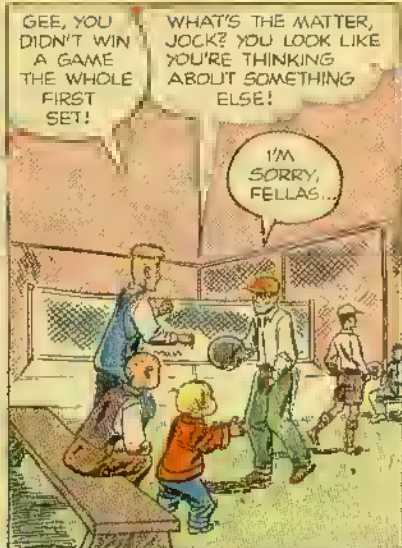
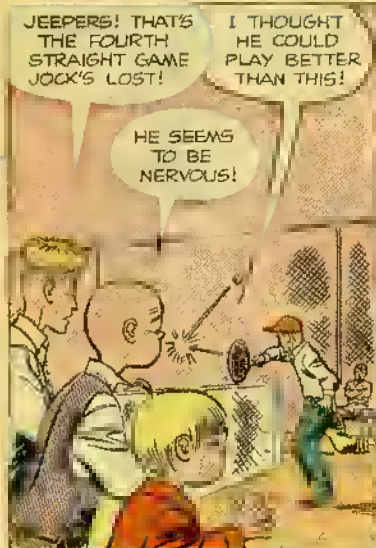




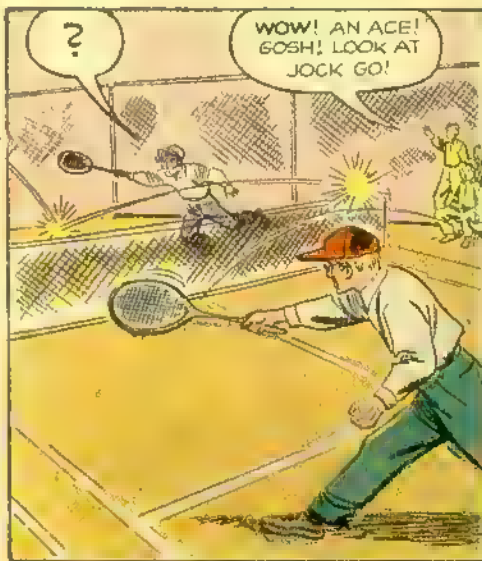












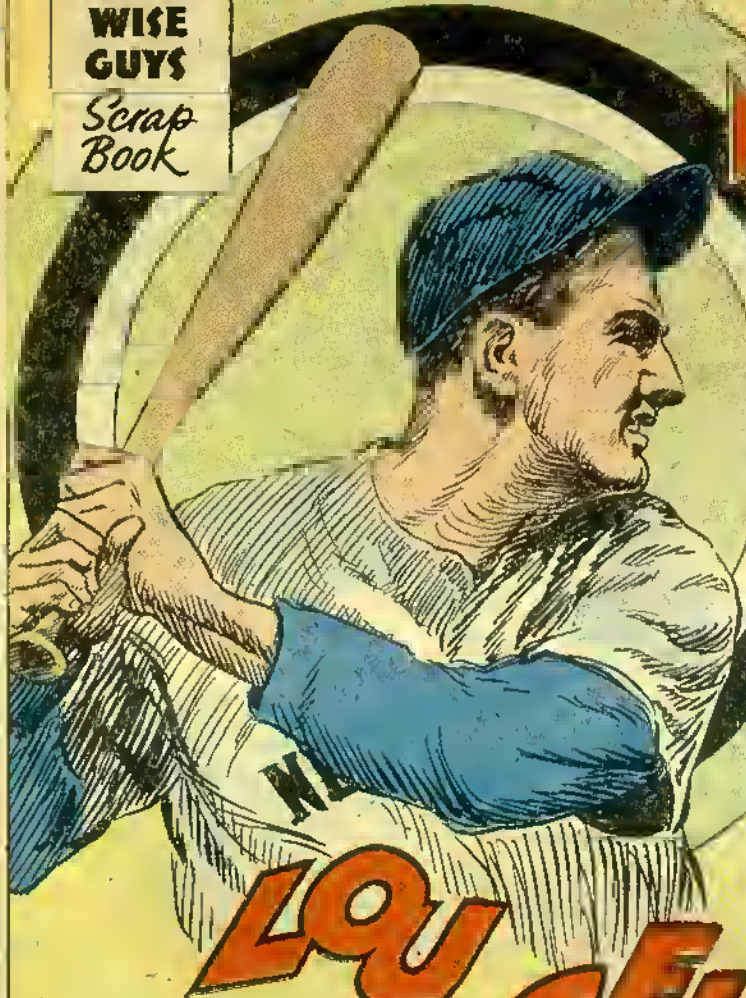


The  
LITTLE  
WISE  
GUYS

Scrap  
Book

# MORE THAN MUSCLE

GEHRIG WAS BORN IN THE CONGESTED AREA OF THE UPPER EAST SIDE OF NEW YORK CITY! HE ATTENDED THE HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE BEFORE ENTERING COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY THROUGH A FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP. IN HIS JUNIOR YEAR, HE QUIT SCHOOL TO SIGN A YANKEE CONTRACT FOR \$1,500! ON JUNE 1, 1925, AGAINST THE WASHINGTON SENATORS, GEHRIG STARTED ON HIS MAGNIFICENT CONSECUTIVE-GAME PLAYING STREAK THAT LASTED 14 YEARS!



# LOU GEHRIG

JUNE 19, 1903 - JUNE 2, 1941

THE YANKEE IRON HORSE - A MEMBER OF BASEBALL'S HALL OF FAME! HE WAS TRULY A REMARKABLE PLAYER, AND ONE OF THE IMMORTAL GREATS OF OUR NATIONAL PASTIME! LOU FELL VICTIM OF POLIOMYELITIS - BUT WAS NEVER TOLD OF THIS TO THE END! HE WAS LOVED BY ALL - EVEN BY THOSE WHO HAD ONLY HEARD OF HIS NAME!

I THINK THE TIME HAS COME, JOE!

AS YOU SAY, LOU!



AND AGAINST THE SAME CLUB IN APRIL, 1939, HE PLAYED HIS LAST GAME - A TOTAL OF 2,130! A RECORD THAT MAY NEVER BE BROKEN!

LIFETIME HOME RUNS - 494!

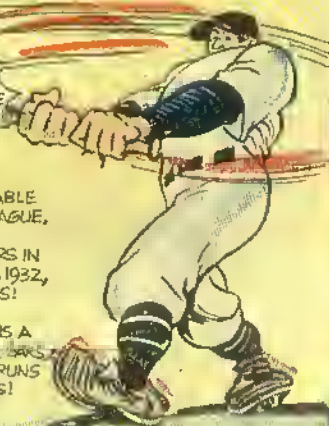
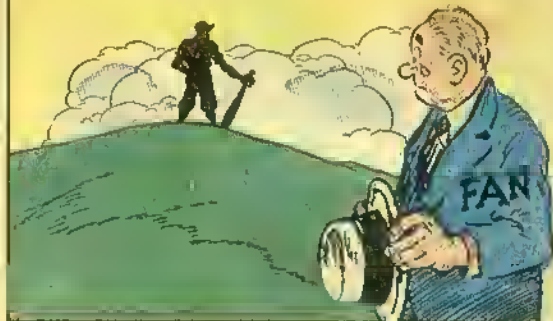
TWICE LED HIS LEAGUE IN HOMERS - 49 IN 1934 AND 1936! IN 1931, HE TIED FOR FIRST WITH THE GREAT BADE WITH 47 HOMERS!

4 TIMES VOTED MOST VALUABLE PLAYER IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE,

HIT 4 CONSECUTIVE HOMERS IN A SINGLE GAME - JUNE 3, 1932, AGAINST THE ATHLETICS!

BATTED IN 100 OR MORE RUNS A YEAR FOR 13 CONSECUTIVE YEARS AND SCORED 100 OR MORE RUNS A YEAR IN THOSE 13 YEARS!

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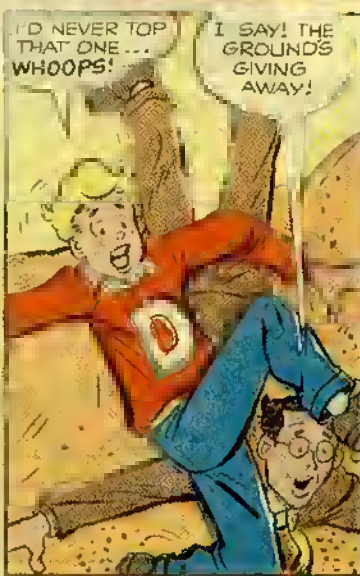
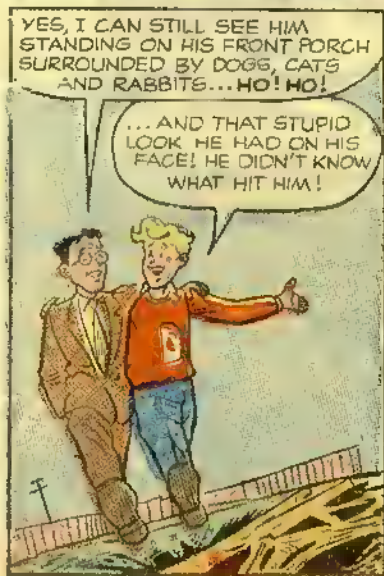
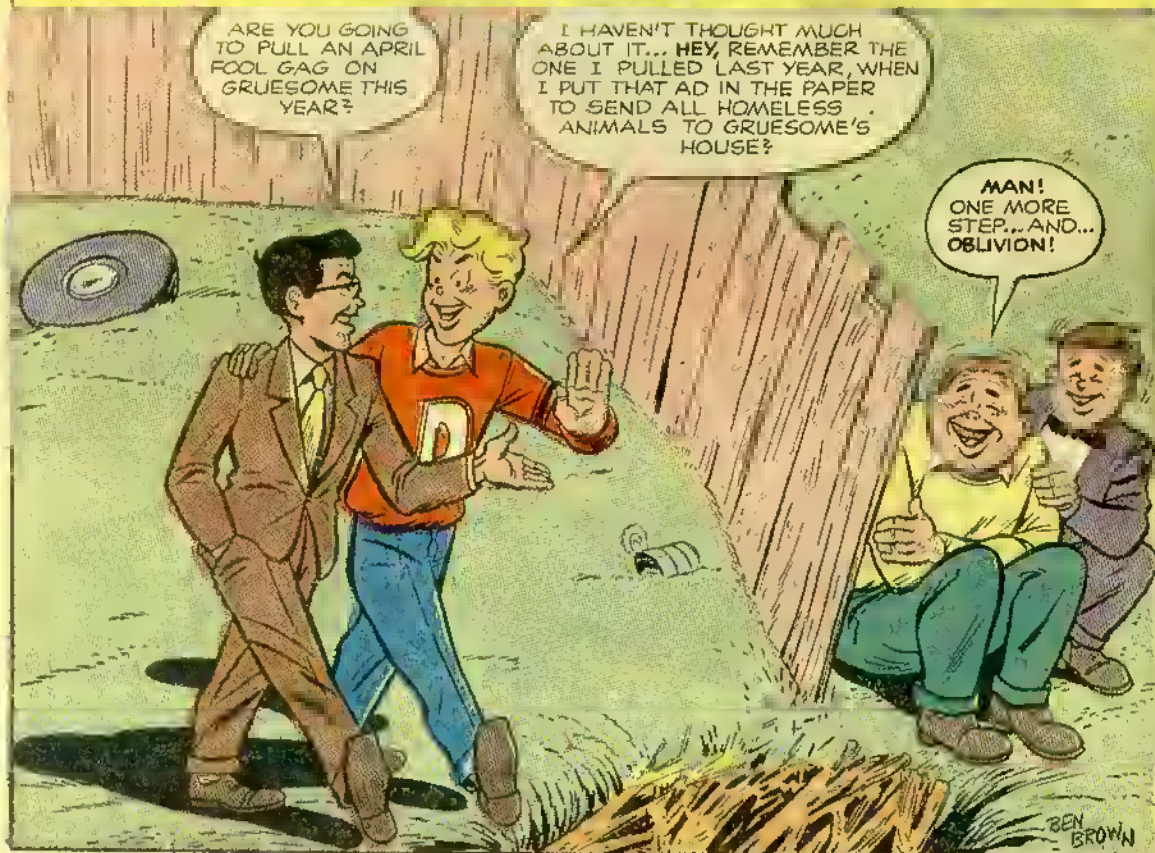




# DILLY DUNCAN

in "APRIL FOOL"

THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, DILLY AND GRUESOME JONES HAVE PULLED MANY AN APRIL FOOL GAG ON EACH OTHER AND THEY DON'T SEE ANY REASON TO STOP NOW! BUT WHEN GRUESOME FINDS HIMSELF FACING ARREST, FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT, HE REALIZES IT WASN'T AS FUNNY AS HE THOUGHT!





GRUESOME! I SHOULD'VE KNOWN THIS WAS ONE OF YOUR MORONIC STUNTS! WE COULDA BEEN KILLED!

YEAH! TOO BAD YOU WEREN'T! IT WAS A GOOD JOKE, ANYWAY! APRIL FOOL!

THAT WASN'T EVEN AN APRIL FOOL GAG, ANYWAY! ONLY A LUNKHEAD LIKE GRUESOME WOULD THINK IT WAS FUNNY!

WE'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING TO HIM NOW! SOMETHING BAD!

HEY! THAT POLICEMAN REMINDED ME! YOUR OLD MAN'S A JUDGE, ISN'T HE? LET'S GO DOWN TO HIS OFFICE!

I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THIS, BUT IF IT'S FOR GRUESOME... OKAY! BUT WE'D BETTER CHANGE CLOTHES, FIRST!

OKAY—GET ME A BLANK SUMMONS! WE'RE GONNA SCARE THE PANTS OFF THE BIG APE!

WELL, AS LONG AS WE DON'T DO ANYTHING ILLEGAL! IF THIS DOESN'T HAVE A STATE SEAL, WE CAN'T GET INTO ANY TROUBLE!

I'M GONNA SAY HE'S UNDER ARREST FOR DEFACING PUBLIC PROPERTY, AND ATTEMPTED ASSAULT AND BATTERY AND COLLUSION!

THAT'S COLLUSION! BUT OTHERWISE, YOU'RE OKAY AND I'LL SERVE IT ON HIM! BOY—I CAN SEE HIS FACE NOW!

IS YOUR NAME GRUESOME JONES? IF SO, THIS IS FOR YOU!

YOU KNOW DARN WELL... YEOW! WHAT IS IT?

IT'S A SUMMONS. READ IT! MY FATHER'S A JUDGE, YOU KNOW! IT'S FROM HIS OFFICE!

I DIDN'T DO NOTHIN'... I'M TOO YOUNG TO GO TO JAIL! I WANT TO LIVE A LITTLE FIRST!

THIS SOUNDS PRETTY FISHY TO ME!

I JUST CHECKED WITH THE COURT, GRUESOME—THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY SUMMONS! IT'S AN APRIL FOOL GAG!

IT IS? AAH! I KNEW IT ALL THE TIME! THEY'LL HAVE TO GET A LOT SMARTER THAN THAT TO FOOL ME!

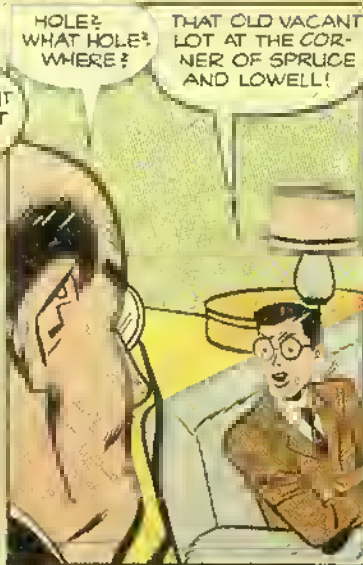




WHAT'S THE MATTER, BOYS? TROUBLE AT SCHOOL?

NO, WE JUST PULLED AN APRIL FOOL JOKE ON GRUESOME AND IT FLOPPED!

HE THOUGHT HE WAS SO SMART DIGGIN' THAT HOLE AND TRAPPING US, NOW HE THINKS HE'S A GENIUS!



HOLE? WHAT HOLE? WHERE?

THAT OLD VACANT LOT AT THE CORNER OF SPRUCE AND LOWELL!



I OWN THAT PROPERTY! WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS, DIGGING HOLES IN MY PROPERTY? I'LL HAVE HIM ARRESTED FOR THIS!

W...WAIT A MINUTE, MR. MONTMORENCY...WE DIDN'T WANT TO GET HIM IN ANY REAL TROUBLE!



ARE YOU GRUESOME JONES?

THAT'S ME! ANOTHER SUMMONS, EH? HEH, HEH!

THEY MUST THINK YOU'RE A REAL DOPE!



DILLY MUST BE SLIPPING, THINKING I'D FALL FOR THE SAME GAG TWICE! I GUESS I'VE GOT HIM REALLY BUFFALOED! IT'S HARD TO OUTWIT A REALLY SMART MAN!



LATER... YOUR NAME IS JONES, ISN'T IT?

YOU DISOBEYED A SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN COURT THIS MORNING! YOU'RE COMING WITH US!

Y...Y...YES!



BUT... THAT WAS JUST A GAG! DILLY WAS TRYIN' TO PULL AN APRIL FOOL JOKE AND... THIS IS ALL A MISTAKE!

IT'S NO MISTAKE, BUDDY! JUDGE MONTMORENCY, HIMSELF, TOLD US TO BRING YOU IN!



YOU WERE SERVED A SUMMONS THIS MORNING, ORDERING YOU TO APPEAR IN COURT! WHY WEREN'T YOU THERE?

WHY... ER... THAT IS I THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE! THAT IS, I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS SERIOUS... ER... IMPORTANT... NO THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN...



I HAD INTENDED TO MERELY WARN YOU FOR WILLFULLY DAMAGING PRIVATE PROPERTY, BUT NOW I AM FORCED TO FIND YOU IN CONTEMPT OF COURT! YOU ARE SENTENCED TO FIVE DAYS IN JAIL, OR PAY A FIFTEEN DOLLAR FINE!

I GUESS... GULP! I'LL... GULP!... PAY THE FINE!





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# FORTUNE'S FAVORITES

**L**ONESOME MILLIONS IN TREASURES AWAIT THE FINDER. WHEREVER YOU ARE, ONE OF YOUR STEPS AS YOU WALK MAY MARK THE SPOT WHERE UNTOLD RICHES LIE. IF YOU DOUBT THIS POSSIBILITY, READ OF A FEW WHO DOUBT NO MORE!

A St. Louis housewife who lost her wrist watch in 1943, agrees that you can never tell what you'll find at a rummage sale or in a woman's purse. Five years after her loss, her mother took one of her daughter's old purses to a church rummage sale, then decided to use it instead to carry home the proceeds, about \$125. Her father helped count the money. When he found a hole in the lining of the purse, he ripped it open. Out tumbled the lost wrist watch.

**MONEY PLOW** A young farmer struck it rich while plowing on his Washington, Indiana, farm in May, 1949. His plow turned up a wallet containing \$1,400 in currency and a draft registration card. He had lost the wallet four years previously. His bank sent the decaying and molded currency to the United States Treasury which promptly redeemed it.

**DARLING OF FATE** As an attractive bookkeeper stepped out of a St. Louis office building on her lunch hour, the first thing she saw was a check for the amount of \$2,066 lying on the sidewalk. She returned the check to a firm in the same building. Coming out on the street again she found a wallet which a man had just dropped while climbing out of a car. She returned it to him. On the verge of entering a restaurant three blocks away, she saw a woman's purse which had been left on a newsstand. Having lost half of her lunch hour finding other people's valuables, she ignored the purse.

## THE TRAVELLING WATCH

Several years ago a machinist went to Russia with other machinists, for the purpose of showing the Russians how to make automobiles, using American techniques. While riding a trolley car there, someone picked his pockets! Among the missing items was a watch which had been given him as a present by his mother. The following year he returned to America and resumed his work in Detroit. One day in August, three years later, while strolling along a Detroit street, he paused to look in the window of a pawnshop. What he saw caused him to gasp, for there on display was the watch he had lost in Russia. He dashed into the store and asked to see it. On the back was the inscription "To our dear son, on his fifteenth birthday -- Mother and Father." The watch was returned to him and is still in the possession of his family.





## THE VALUABLE LINCOLN



In 1951 a junk dealer in Meriden, Connecticut was on a job cleaning out a house, when he found a bronze bust of Abraham Lincoln apparently being discarded. Thinking it would look nice on his television set at home, he bought the bust for two dollars from the tenants who were moving. A short while later an art expert advised him that the Lincoln bust he had purchased was a valuable piece of art, the work of an early American sculptor. When last heard from, the junk dealer had refused bids which had climbed to a figure of \$15,000.

## TREASURE TROVE

While looking through the items offered at a rummage sale, a woman in Glen Cove, New York, spied a large, tattered, unframed, peeling painting among the musty, cast-off items. She paid three dollars, tossed the painting into her truck, and drove home. A year later something about the old painting aroused her curiosity and she decided to seek an expert's opinion. Officials of a well-known museum identified the painting as a 16th Century original Italian art treasure valued at \$25,000.

## FORTUNATE MISHAP

Two peasants who were digging for water in 1944 on the hot desert near the Upper Egyptian town of Akhmim, let out yells of fright when the ground suddenly opened up and swallowed them. Kicking and swearing, the two men fell a distance of about a dozen feet and landed at the bottom of a well-like hole. Their fearful cries however, turned to shouts of joy when they found themselves sitting in the midst of thousands of gold coins. They had accidentally uncovered the tomb of King Mena (3,400 B.C.) and his treasure estimated to be worth \$250,000. Falling into a pile of gold would seem to be fantastic luck, but not for these peasants. They made the mistake of hiding the treasure and were sent to jail when they were caught trying to dispose of the aged coins. Archaeologists who later hurried to the scene hailed the discovery as one of the greatest in a decade.



## EVIL MONEY



Two women walked into a furniture store in Taylorville, Illinois, and expressed their interest in buying a used couch. One particular couch caught their fancy. While lifting the cushions to examine the springs they saw a knotted handkerchief. Further examination revealed it contained the sum of \$430,000. When the women claimed the money the storekeeper disputed their right to it, inasmuch as the couch was still his property. The argument waxed

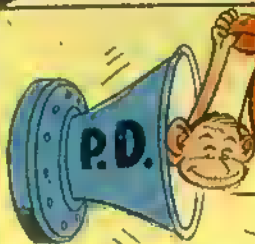
hot and heavy, and terminated in court action. The contestants could have saved their energy. A local judge ruled that the money was to be turned over to the estate from which the couch was purchased.





IS ALWAYS A

# HIT!



## CALLING ALL COMIC READERS!

DON'T  
FAIL TO COLLECT YOUR  
REWARD FOR READING  
THE NEXT ISSUE OF

YOU WILL RECEIVE IT IN CRISP  
BRAND NEW  
LARGE AND SMALL

# THRILLS!



**RESERVE** YOUR COPIES AT YOUR FAVORITE NEWS DEALER **NOW**

BECAUSE THEY  
SELL OUT FAST!



# The LITTLE WISE GUYS

IN "UP A MYSTERIOUS TREE"

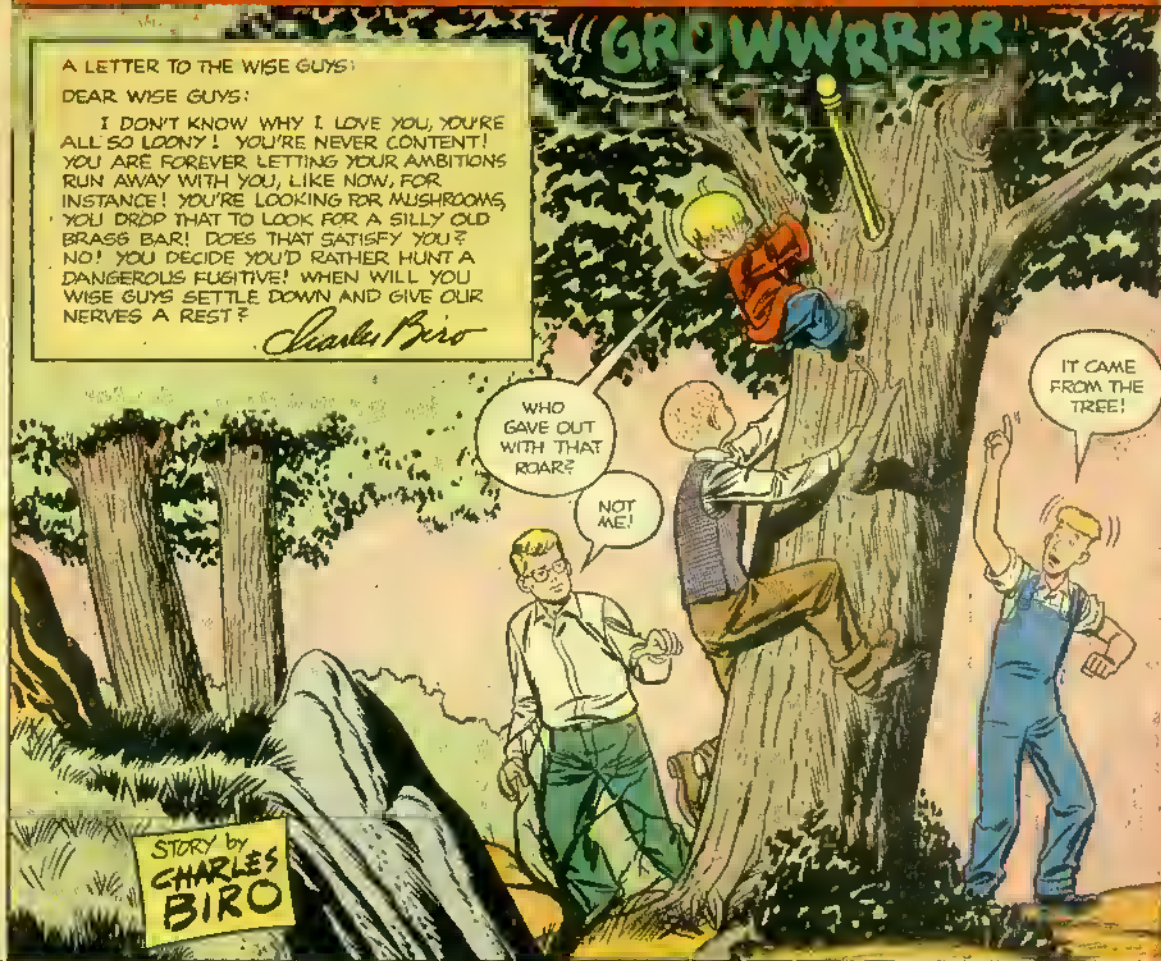
A LETTER TO THE WISE GUYS:

DEAR WISE GUYS:

I DON'T KNOW WHY I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE ALL SO LOONY! YOU'RE NEVER CONTENT! YOU ARE FOREVER LETTING YOUR AMBITIONS RUN AWAY WITH YOU, LIKE NOW, FOR INSTANCE! YOU'RE LOOKING FOR MUSHROOMS, YOU DROP THAT TO LOOK FOR A SILLY OLD BRASS BAR! DOES THAT SATISFY YOU? NO! YOU DECIDE YOU'D RATHER HUNT A DANGEROUS FUGITIVE! WHEN WILL YOU WISE GUYS SETTLE DOWN AND GIVE OUR NERVES A REST?

*Charles Biro*

GROWRRRR



HORTON, I'LL PAY YOU \$6,000 FOR YOUR FARM, BUT BEFORE I DO, I WANT YOU TO RECHECK ALL THE SURVEY LINES SO I'LL

COME BACK TOMORROW AFTER-NOON, AN' I'LL SHOW YOU THE MARKERS! HAVE THE

WHAT I'M GETTING!

ED, I'M BUYING THE OLD HORTON FARM! WILL YOU HAVE \$6,000 IN CASH READY FOR ME WHEN I STOP BY TOMORROW-NOON?

SURE THING, MR. SNOW! LEAVE IT TO OLD HORTON TO WANT A CASH DEAL!

HELLO, SAM! I SEE GUNTHER IS AROUND! LAST I'D HEARD, HE WAS IN JAIL!

HE'S HERE TO BORROW MONEY! I HATE TO DO IT, BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TURN DOWN HIS LOAN! HE'S A BAD RISK!

LOOKS LIKE THE OLD NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE FARM HASN'T EVER BEEN RECHECKED SINCE THIS DEED WAS MADE OUT TO MY GRANDPAPPY NEARLY A HUNDRED YEARS AGO! GUESS I'D BETTER GET STARTED LOOKING FOR THOSE OLD BRASS BAR MARKERS IT SPEAKS OF IN THIS DEED!





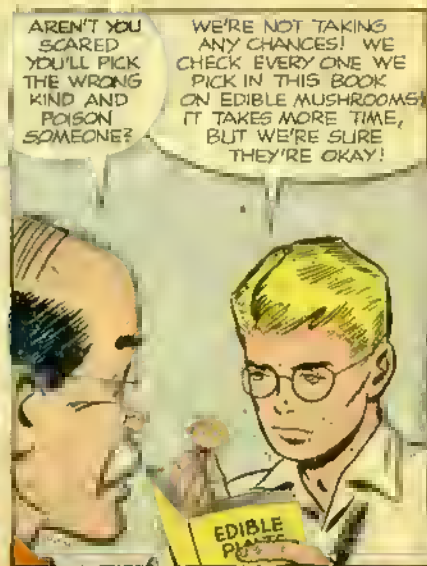


I'LL BE  
DING-DANGED IF  
I CAN FIND THIS  
LAST MARKER...TWENTY  
PACES NORTHEAST  
OF A GREY BOULDER...I'VE  
BEEN LOOKING TWO  
HOURS FOR IT!



WHY HELLO,  
THERE, BOYS!  
WHAT ARE  
YOU  
DOING  
HERE?

OH, HELLO, MR.  
HORTON! WE'RE  
PICKING MUSH-  
ROOMS! MR.  
WILSON AT THE  
GENERAL STORE  
SAID HE'D PAY  
US FIFTY CENTS  
A BASKET FOR THEM!



AREN'T YOU  
SCARED  
YOU'LL PICK  
THE WRONG  
KIND AND  
POISON  
SOMEONE?

WE'RE NOT TAKING  
ANY CHANCES! WE  
CHECK EVERY ONE WE  
PICK IN THIS BOOK  
ON EDIBLE MUSHROOMS!  
IT TAKES MORE TIME,  
BUT WE'RE SURE  
THEY'RE OKAY!

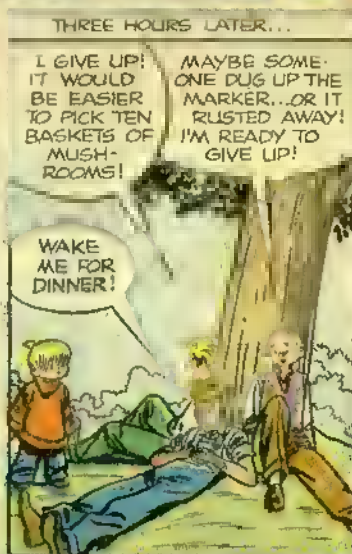


TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO-  
I'LL PAY YOU FIVE DOLLARS  
IF YOU CAN FIND A  
BRASS STAKE THAT  
MARKS THIS CORNER  
OF MY PROPERTY! THE  
DESCRIPTION OF IT  
AND WHERE TO LOOK  
IS WRITTEN RIGHT  
HERE IN  
THIS DEED!

FIVE  
BUCKS!

OH,  
BOY!

SURE!



THREE HOURS LATER...

I GIVE UP!  
IT WOULD  
BE EASIER  
TO PICK TEN  
BASKETS OF  
MUSH-  
ROOMS!

MAYBE SOME-  
ONE DUG UP THE  
MARKER...OR IT  
RUSTED AWAY!  
I'M READY TO  
GIVE UP!

WAKE  
ME FOR  
DINNER!



OH-OH!

IF I KEEP  
LOOKING AND  
FIND IT,  
WOULD YOU  
GIVE ME YOUR  
SHARES?

WHY NOT? IF WE  
COULDN'T FIND IT  
WITH ALL OF US  
LOOKING, WHAT  
CHANCE HAVE  
YOU GOT?

YOU CAN  
HAVE OUR  
SHARE!



OKAY...  
JUST LOOK  
RIGHT OVER  
YOUR HEADS!  
HA-HA-HA!

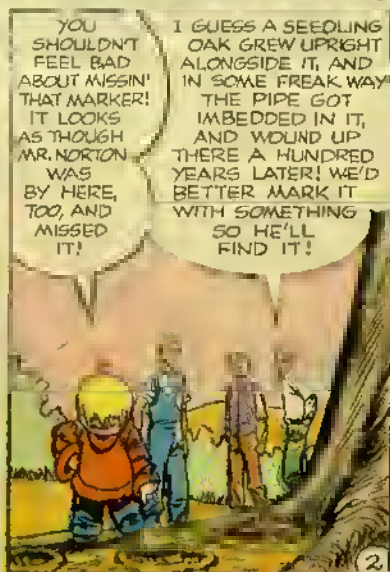
WHY, YOU  
LITTLE SO-  
AND-SO!

OF ALL  
THE SLICK  
DEALS!



THERE, SMART GUY!  
YOU FOUND THE  
MARKER...AND WHEN  
YOU GET YOURSELF  
DOWN GO OVER TO  
MR. HORTON AND  
COLLECT THE  
MONEY! C'MON,  
LET'S GO,  
GUYS!

NO! WAIT!  
I WAS ONLY  
KIDDING!  
WE'LL ALL  
SHARE IT  
TOGETHER! GET  
ME DOWN  
FROM HERE!



YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
FEEL BAD  
ABOUT MISSIN'  
THAT MARKER!  
IT LOOKS  
AS THOUGH  
MR. HORTON  
WAS  
BY HERE,  
TOO, AND  
MISSED  
IT!

I GUESS A SEEDLING  
OAK GREW UPRIGHT  
ALONGSIDE IT, AND  
IN SOME FREAK WAY  
THE PIPE GOT  
IMBEDDED IN IT,  
AND WOUND UP  
THERE A HUNDRED  
YEARS LATER! WE'D  
BETTER MARK IT  
WITH SOMETHING  
SO HE'LL  
FIND IT!

WE MARKED THE PIPE BY PUTTIN' SLUGGER'S HANDKERCHIEF ON IT, SO YOU WON'T MISS IT, MR. HORTON!

FINE, BOYS! HERE'S YOUR MONEY! IMAGINE THAT PIPE WINDING UP, IN A TREE, THAT BEATS ALL!



THOUGHT THOSE PESTY KIDS WOULD NEVER CLEAR OUT FROM UNDER THIS TREE!



WANT TO GET UP HERE WHERE I CAN GET A GOOD VIEW OF HORTON'S PLACE! IMAGINE HIM GETTING \$6,000 CASH FROM SNOW! HE DON'T NEED THE MONEY AS MUCH AS I DO!



DARN THOSE KIDS COMIN BACK THIS WAY! CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE 'EM SEE ME HANGIN' AROUND HERE!



HEY! THAT'S FUNNY-SOMETHIN' KICKED THAT HANDKERCHIEF OFF THE PIPE! IT WAS TIED ON TIGHT SO IT COULDN'T HAVE BLOWN OFF!

I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING SO MANY TRACKS AROUND HERE AS THIS! THERE'S SOMETHING FUNNY ABOUT THIS!



THOSE TRACKS COULDN'T BE MR. HORTON'S BECAUSE NONE OF THEM LEAD AWAY FROM THE TREE!

MAYBE HE WALKED AWAY BACKWARD...

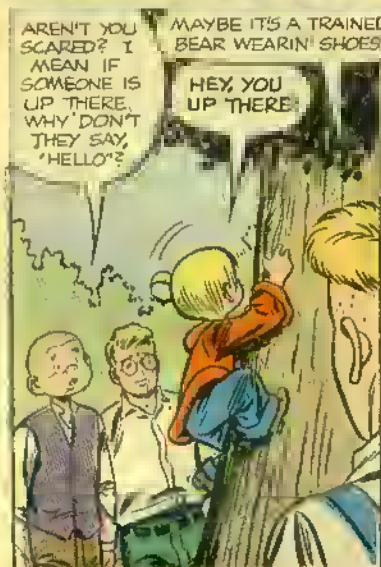
DON'T GET FUNNY! WHAT WOULD HE DO THAT FOR? SOMEONE IS UP THERE AND I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHO!



AREN'T YOU SCARED? I MEAN IF SOMEONE IS UP THERE, WHY DON'T THEY SAY, 'HELLO'?

MAYBE IT'S A TRAINED BEAR WEARIN' SHOES!

HEY, YOU UP THERE!



I SEE SOMETHING UP THERE LIKE... A BOARD!

I'VE GOT TO SCARE 'EM OFF!



GROWWRRRRRR...

HELP! WHAT'S THAT?

A...A BEAR!

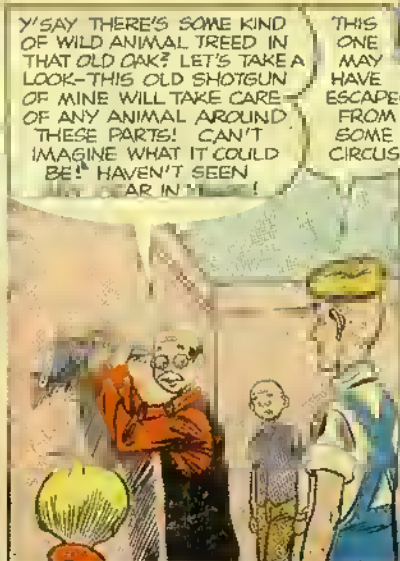






LEMMIE OUT  
OF HERE!  
THAT WAS A  
WILD ANIMAL...  
MAYBE A  
MOUNTAIN  
LION...

A LEAST A  
BEAR...GOSH,  
LET'S GO WARN  
MR. HORTON!



Y' SAY THERE'S SOME KIND  
OF WILD ANIMAL TREED IN  
THAT OLD OAK? LET'S TAKE A  
LOOK-THIS OLD SHOTGUN  
OF MINE WILL TAKE CARE  
OF ANY ANIMAL AROUND  
THESE PARTS! CAN'T  
IMAGINE WHAT IT COULD  
BE! HAVEN'T SEEN  
A BEAR IN...

THIS  
ONE  
MAY  
HAVE  
ESCAPED  
FROM  
SOME  
CIRCUS!



WHATEVER'S UP THERE HAD  
BETTER SING OUT BY THE  
TIME I COUNT THREE OR  
I'LL SHOOT! ONE...  
TWO...THREE...



BAM!



WHATEVER WAS UP THERE  
IS EITHER DEAD OR GOT  
AWAY BEFORE WE CAME  
BACK! OTHERWISE HE'D  
HAVE YELLED OUT!

WE'LL GO  
UP AND  
SEE!



GOSH! THERE'S  
A KIND OF TREE  
HOUSE UP HERE!  
DID YOU KNOW  
IT WAS HERE,  
MR. HORTON?

RECKON SOME KIDS  
FROM THE BOARDING  
HOUSE DOWN THE  
ROAD MAY HAVE  
BUILT IT! MAYBE IT  
WAS ONE OF THEM  
MADE A NOISE TO  
SCARE YOU AWAY!



BOY, IT'S NEAT UP THERE! YOU  
CAN SEE ALL OVER! WOULD YOU  
MIND IF WE PICKNICK IN THE TREE  
AFTER WE FINISH  
PICKIN' MORE  
MUSHROOMS? IT  
WOULD BE FUN  
UP ON THAT  
PLATFORM!

YOU SURE  
CAN, BOYS!  
GO AHEAD!



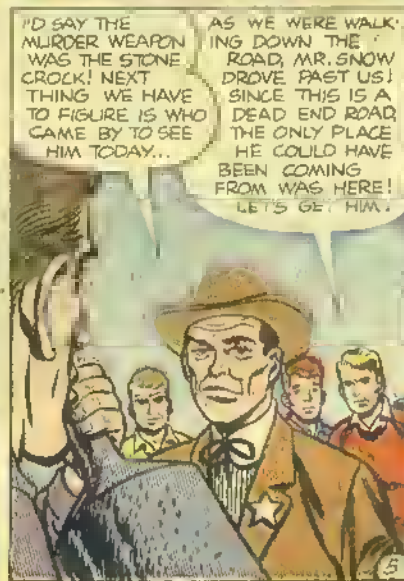
HELLO THERE!  
HELLO, MR.  
HORTON! I'M  
HERE TO  
CLOSE THAT  
DEAL!

OH-OH-  
THAT'S  
MR. SNOW!  
EXCUSE ME,  
BOYS!



I'VE GOT THE  
BOUNDARIES ALL  
RE-CHECKED! TURNS  
OUT THERE'S A GOOD  
TWO ACRES MORE  
THAN I KNEW I  
HAD UP THERE BY  
THE WOOD-LOT!  
YOU'RE GETTING  
A GOOD BUY!

GOOD! THEN  
WE CAN  
SETTLE  
EVERYTHING  
RIGHT  
AWAY! I  
BROUGHT THE  
CASH  
WITH ME!





WHY WOULD I KILL HORTON? I JUST PAID HIM \$6,000 CASH FOR HIS PLACE ABOUT AN HOUR AGO! IT MUST'VE BEEN SOMEONE WHO ROBBED HIM OF THAT MONEY!

HMM...SINCE NOBODY ELSE PASSED YOU, THAT MEANS THE MURDERER COULD STILL BE HIDING AROUND THESE PARTS! LET'S START SEARCHING.



HEY, YOU KIDS! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

WE'RE GOING TO PICNIC UP IN A TREE PLATFORM OVER WHERE THAT BIG OAK TREE IS! MR. HORTON TOLD US WE COULD!



HORTON WAS MURDERED! SURE YOU KIDS DON'T KNOW MORE THAN YOU'RE SAYING?

MURDERED? WHY WE SAW HIM ONLY ABOUT AN HOUR AGO! HE PAID US FIVE DOLLARS TO FIND A BOUNDARY MARKER!



IT'S NOT THESE BOYS, SHERIFF! IT'S SOMEONE WHO KNEW I WAS PAYING NORTON CASH FOR HIS PLACE TODAY...THERE WAS THE BANK TELLER...AND...AND... GUNTHER! GUNTHER WAS RIGHT BEHIND ME! HE COULD'VE HEARD ME...



THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE AROUND HERE EARLIER! SOMEONE WEARING CLEATED SHOES...SEE? WE THOUGHT THEY WERE MR. HORTON'S PRINTS AT FIRST, BUT HE WAS WEARING PLAIN SOLES! WHOEVER IT WAS TRIED TO SCARE US BY PRETENDING TO BE A WILD ANIMAL UP THERE!



WE WENT AND GOT HORTON AND HE FIRED HIS SHOTGUN UP IN THE TREE, BUT WHOEVER HAD BEEN UP THERE HAD GONE! IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE MURDERER!

LET'S GO CHECK UP ON GUNTHER'S ALIBI! IT'S STILL COULD BE, YOU KILLED HORTON AND TOOK BACK THE MONEY AFTER HE SIGNED THE DEED TO YOU, NOW!



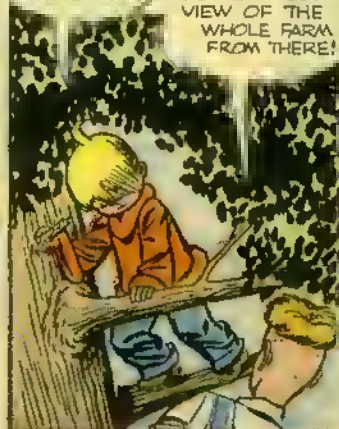
NEVER! WHY WOULD I DO THAT? HORTON WAS MY FRIEND!

WE'LL SEE! NOW LET'S GO BACK... YOU BOYS CAN DO AS YOU PLEASE! IF I NEED YOU, I'LL LET YOU KNOW!



I DON'T HAVE MUCH APPETITE FOR A PICNIC ANY MORE! POOR MR. HORTON!

MAYBE IF THE MURDERER IS STILL AROUND AND HIDING, WE MIGHT SPOT HIM FROM THAT PLATFORM! YOU GET A GOOD VIEW OF THE WHOLE FARM FROM THERE!



I HAVE A HUNCH THE MURDERER IS STILL AROUND! WHAT DO YOU SAY WE STAY HERE ALL NIGHT AND KEEP WATCH? THE MOON IS FULL SO THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF LIGHT!

RIGHT- WE CAN TAKE TURNS STANDING WATCH!



ONLY A FEW MORE MINUTES AND MY WATCH WILL BE OVER! IT'S NEARLY MIDNIGHT! MAYBE OUR HUNCH WAS WRONG! NOBODY'D HIDE OUT THIS LONG!



I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER...GOTTA CATCH THAT ONE'O'CLOCK FREIGHT! IF I CAN JUST SLIP PAST, I WON'T HURT 'EM...BUT IF THEY WAKE UP, I'LL HAFTA USE THIS KNIFE!



WHA...?



CRACK!

HEY!

HELP! YIPES!!

YEOW! I'M FALLIN'!



LOOK! THE STOLEN MONEY! HE'S THE MURDERER! ONLY WHERE DID HE COME FROM?

HE MUST'VE BEEN HIDID! SOMEWHERE ABOVE US IN THE TREE, AND FROM THE LOOKS OF THAT KNIFE, HE MEANT TO GET BY US ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!



LOOK, SHERIFF! WE'VE GOT THE MURDERER!

AND THE MONEY, TOO!

AND HE'S WEARING SHOES WITH CLEATS! HE'S THE ONE!



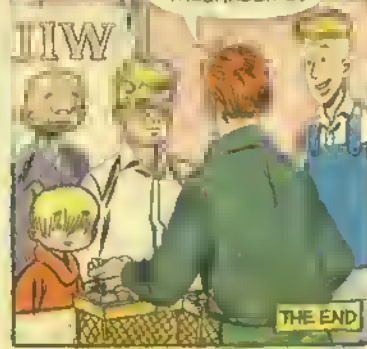
SO IT WAS GUNTHER! CONGRATULATIONS, BOYS! YOU DID A GOOD JOB! HOW DID YOU GET HIM?

WELL, YOU MIGHT SAY THAT HE PRACTICALLY FELL IN OUR LAPS!



WE ONLY HAVE TWO BOXES OF MUSHROOMS, MR. WILSON...AND I'M SORRY WE DIDN'T GET 'EM TO YOU YESTERDAY! WE GOT A LITTLE SIDE-TRACKED!

I HEARD ALL ABOUT HOW YOU CAUGHT JOE HORTON'S MURDERER! JOE WAS A DEAR FRIEND OF MINE! TO SHOW MY GRATITUDE, I'M PAYING YOU A DOLLAR A BOX FOR THESE MUSHROOMS!



THE END



# BELLY LAUGHS



# the LITTLE WISE GUYS

IN "WISE GUYS VERSUS GRAVITY"

STORY BY  
CHARLES  
BIRO

WAIT—YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO GO UP WITH THE PLANE! COME BACK!

TELL IT TO THE PLANE!  
I GUESS I'M NOT HEAVY ENOUGH! YEEEEEOWW!

GOLLY WHIZ!

GRAB HIM!

I HAVE LITTLE USE FOR THE ONE WHO LOUDLY PANS THE MODERN GENERATION OF KIDS! YOU'VE HEARD THEM—"WHEN I WAS A BOY, BLA, BLA, BLA!!" THEY'LL SELDOM WEIGH THE FACTS! SO LET'S DO! WHEN LOUDMOUTH WAS A BOY HE WAS PLAYING CAT-IN-THE-CRADLE, SPINNING TOPS, AND WHEN HE REALLY ADVENTURED INTO SCIENCE, HE FLEW A PINK KITE! TODAY'S KIDS AT THE SAME AGE, ARE BUILDING SOAP BOX POWER & BIK—AND FLYING MODEL AIRPLANES! NOTHING WILL STOP THIS GENERATION, BUT THE LITTLE WISE GUYS CAN SLOW IT DOWN!

Charles Biro

HEY, SNOOKIE! AREN'T YOU COMIN' TO PRACTICE TODAY?

I'M SORRY, FELLAS, BUT I'VE GOTTA FINISH MY PLANE BEFORE THE CONTEST TOMORROW! I'LL PLAY WITH YOU NEXT WEEK!

IT SURE IS A BEAUTY!

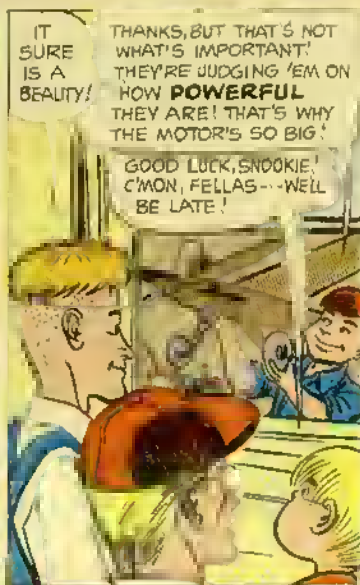
THANKS, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT'S IMPORTANT! THEY'RE JUDGING 'EM ON HOW **POWERFUL** THEY ARE! THAT'S WHY THE MOTOR'S SO BIG!

GOOD LUCK, SNOOKIE! C'MON, FELLAS—WE'LL BE LATE!

THAT NIGHT...

FOR GOODNESS SAKE, SNOOKIE—IT'S AFTER ONE! BRR—IT'S COLD IN HERE! YOU'LL CATCH YOUR DEATH OF COLD. GET TO BED!

I JUST FINISHED, M'MOM! SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T SHE? IT'S THE BEST I EVER D-DID!!

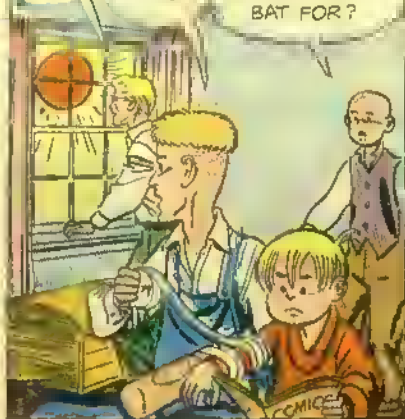




IT'S SURE  
A NICE  
DAY FOR  
SNOOKIE'S  
CONTEST!

WHY  
DON'T  
WE GO  
OVER  
AND  
WATCH?

WE'VE GOT A GAME  
TODAY, YOU  
KNUCKLE-HEAD!  
WHAT D'YOU  
THINK YOU'RE  
TAPIN' THAT  
BAT FOR?



OH, YEAH...  
I FORGOT  
...OOOH!  
WHAT?

OH, NO!! WHY,  
YOU LIMP-BRAINED  
LUMMOX! WHY DON'T  
YOU LOOK WHAT  
YOU'RE DOING?

HOLD IT! SOME-  
BODY'S AT THE  
DOOR!

KNOCK  
KNOCK  
COM!



SNOOKIE'S VERY SICK, BOYS. HE  
STAYED UP LATE WORKING ON THE  
PLANE, AND GOT A SERIOUS CHILL,  
AND IT'S TURNED INTO **PNEUMO-  
NIA!** I CAME TO YOU BECAUSE  
HE LIKES YOU SO MUCH!

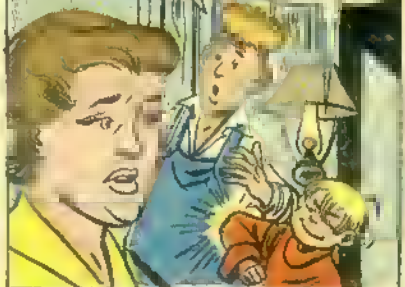
HOW CAN WE HELP,  
MRS. PETERS?



SNOOKIE'S HEART WILL BE BROKEN IF  
HIS PLANE ISN'T IN THE CONTEST, AND  
I THOUGHT YOU BOYS MIGHT ENTER  
IT FOR HIM. HE'S APPROACHING THE  
CRISIS, AND THE DOCTOR THINKS IT  
MIGHT HELP PULL HIM THROUGH...

WE'VE GOT A  
BASEBALL...  
OOFF!

SURE,  
MRS. PETERS!  
WE'D BE  
GLAD TO!

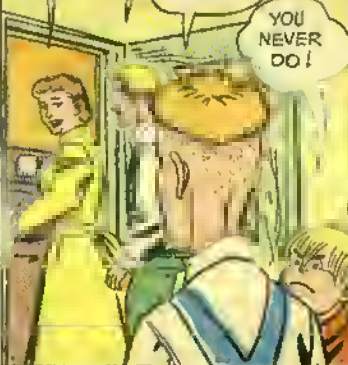


I CAN'T TELL  
YOU HOW MUCH  
I APPRECIATE  
YOUR HELP  
TO MY SON.

GOLLY, MRS. PETERS,  
WE'D HAVE ASKED  
**YOU** IF YOU  
HADN'T ASKED  
**US!**

I DIDN'T  
THINK...

YOU  
NEVER  
DO!



I DON'T  
KNOW A  
THING  
ABOUT  
SUCH  
LARGE,  
POWERFUL  
PLANES!

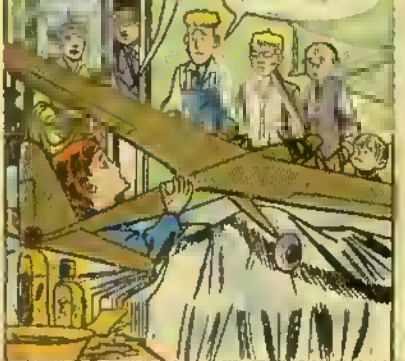
ME?  
GOSH,  
NO!

ME NEITHER!  
C'MON, LET'S  
GO OVER AND  
GET THE PLANE!  
WITH SNOOKIE'S  
INSTRUCTIONS AND  
**OUR** BRAINS WE'LL  
KNOW WHAT TO DO.



BE SURE AND MIX A DROP OF  
BANANA OIL WITH THE ETHYL FUEL!  
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SET THE  
RUDDER AND STABILIZERS FOR A  
GLIDE, AND LET HER WARM UP TO  
THE PROPER REVS BEFORE THE  
TAKE-OFF!

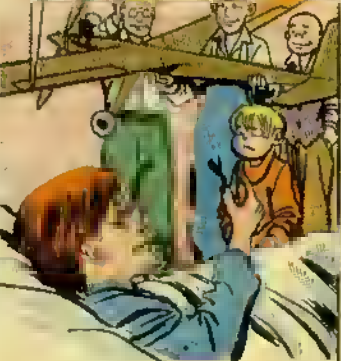
THAT'S  
(GULP) ALL?



I THINK IT'S  
A TERRIFIC  
PLANE, FELLAS.  
GEE... I HOPE  
YOU WIN!

D-DON'T WORRY,  
SNOOKIE!

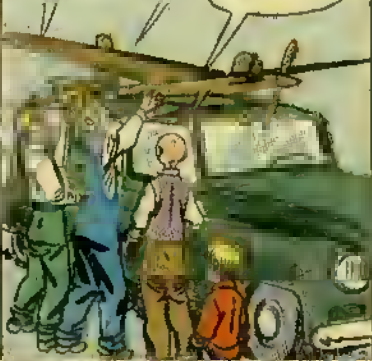
IT'S A  
CINCH!

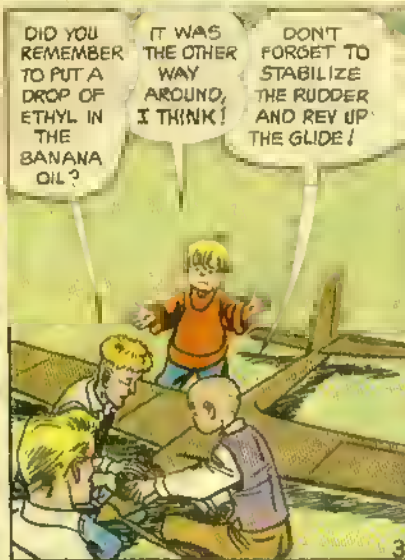
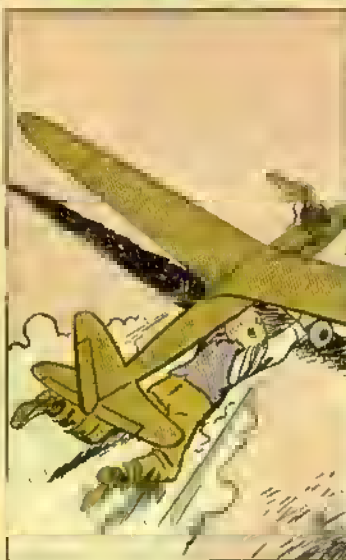
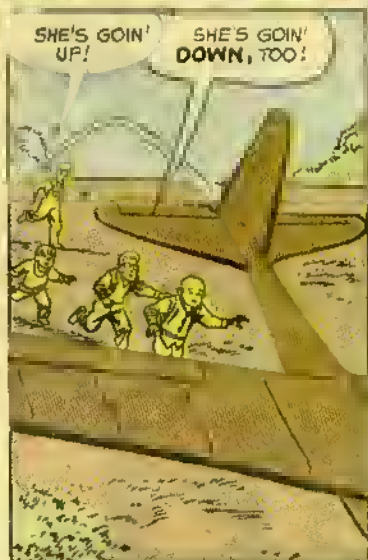
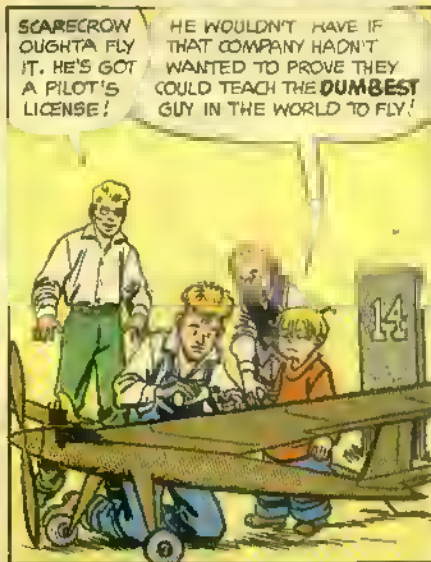
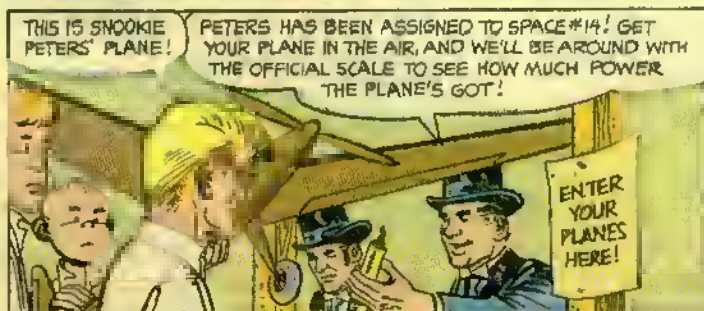
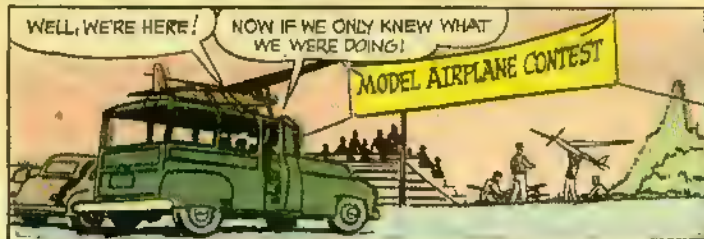
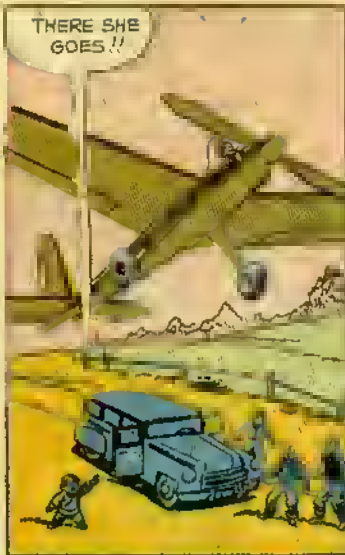


WELL-- WE  
MIGHT AS WELL  
GET THERE!  
THE CONTEST  
STARTS IN A  
HALF HOUR!

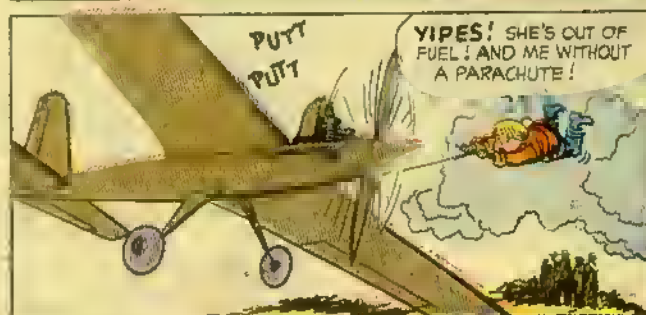
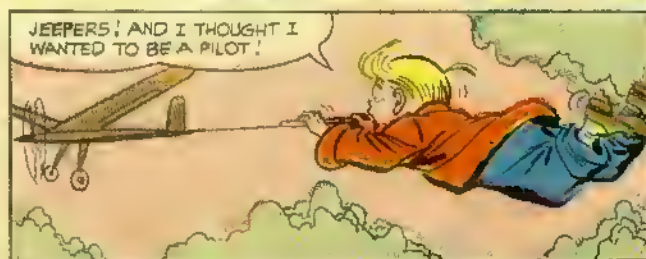
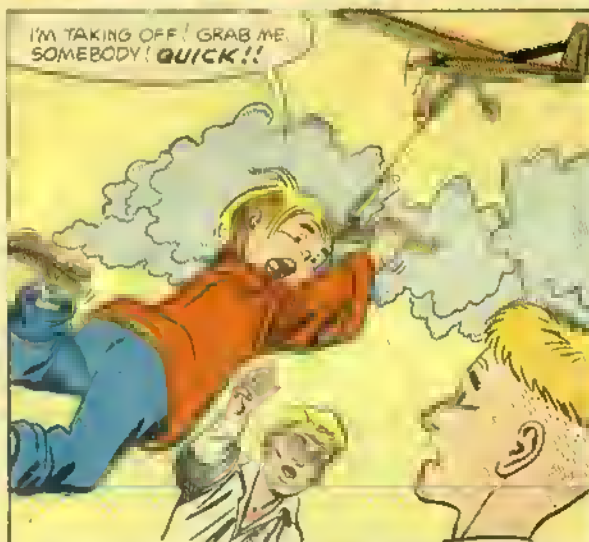
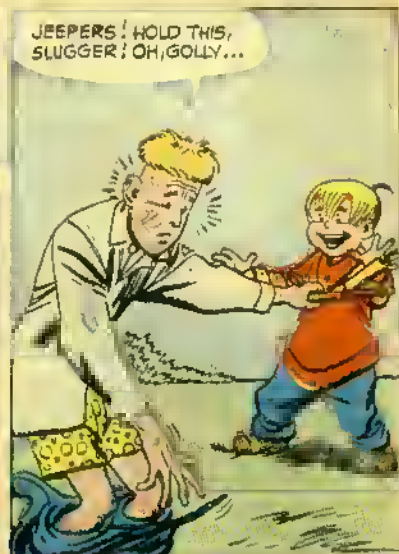
I WISH I WAS  
HALF AS CONFIDENT  
AS I MADE OUT  
IN FRONT OF  
SNOOKIE!

DON'T WE  
ALL!



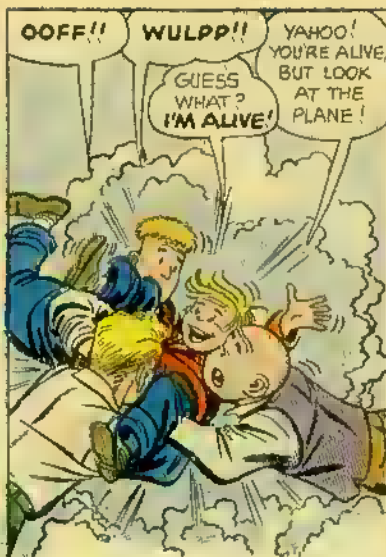








YOWPP!!!

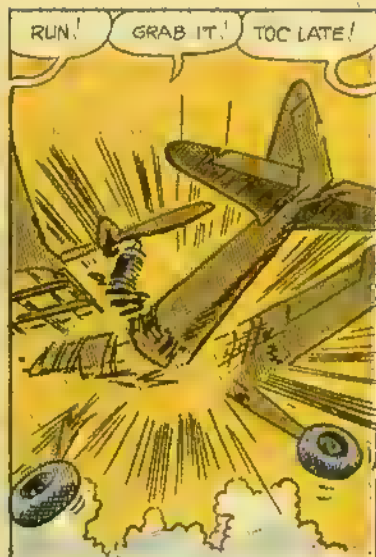


OOF!!

WULPP!!

YAHOO! YOU'RE ALIVE, BUT LOOK AT THE PLANE!

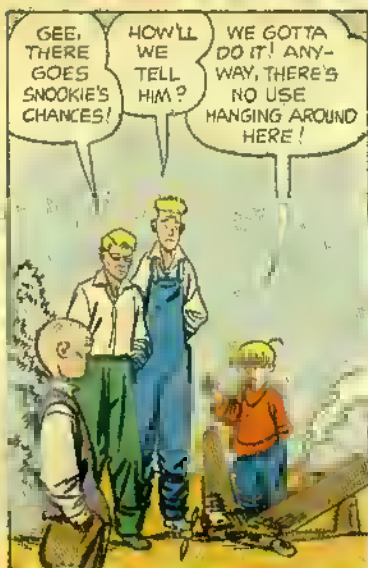
GUESS WHAT? I'M ALIVE!



RUN!

GRAB IT!

TOO LATE!



GEE, THERE GOES SNOOKIE'S CHANCES!

HOW'LL WE TELL HIM?

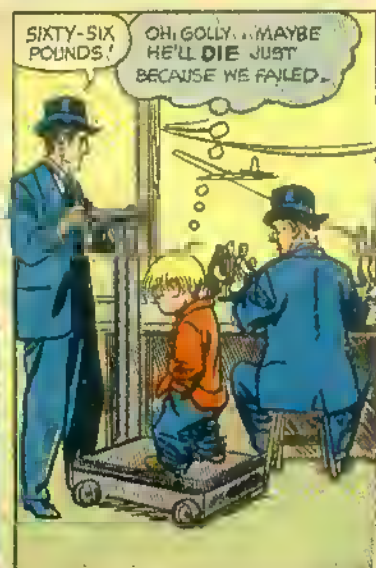
WE GOTTA DO IT! ANYWAY, THERE'S NO USE HANGING AROUND HERE!



HEY, SON! YOU-- THE LITTLE FELLOW! WOULD YOU COME HERE A MOMENT?

ME? OKAY...

WE'LL WAIT FOR YOU IN THE CAR.



SIXTY-SIX POUNDS!

OH, GOLLY... MAYBE HE'LL DIE JUST BECAUSE WE FAILED...



WHAT'D THEY WANT?

NOTHIN'!

WE MIGHT AS WELL GO TELL SNOOKIE, I GUESS! THIS'S GONNA BE AWFUL TOUGH!



I'M SORRY, MRS. PETERS! WE DID OUR BEST BUT

IT WAS MOSTLY MY FAULT...

IT'S NOT ONE PERSON'S FAULT-- WE JUST DIDN'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT MODEL PLANES!



P--POOR SNOOKIE! HE'LL BE BROKEN-HEARTED!

WE'VE GOT TO KEEP HIM FROM KNOWING--AT LEAST UNTIL THE ORISIS HAS PASSED!

I'LL GET IT!



IS SNOOKIE PETERS HOME? YOWWW!!! LOOKIT THAT!!

THE LITTLE FELLOW WEIGHED SIXTY-SIX POUNDS, AND THE PLANE LIFTED HIM! SO IT WAS AT LEAST THAT STRONG! THE CLOSEST TO THAT WAS SIXTY ONE POUNDS SO, HE WON!

OH, BOY! LET'S TAKE IT IN TO SNOOKIE RIGHT NOW!

YOU WON, SNOOKIE! YOUR PLANE WAS FIVE POUNDS BETTER THAN ANYBODY ELSE'S.

I WON? OH GOLLY... OH, GOSH--I'M SO HAPPY!

...AND THE FIRST PRIZE ALSO INCLUDES THIS CHECK FOR ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS!

I'M AFRAID THAT... ULP... THE PLANE GOT SORTA BEATEN, SNOOKIE.

GOSH, THAT'S OKAY! I CAN BUILD A HUNDRED PLANES LIKE THAT! I WON FIRST PRIZE!

YOU'VE DONE IT, KIDS! THE COLOR'S COMING BACK INTO HIS CHEEKS ALREADY. I'M SURE HE'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT!

THERE ARE NO WORDS TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I... OH, YOU DARLINGS!

GOSH! THAT'S OKAY!

A FEW WEEKS LATER...

HURRY UP, SNOOKIE! WE CAN'T GET ALONG WITHOUT A THIRD BASEMAN!

HOLD YOUR SHIRTS ON! I'M COMING!!

THE END!!

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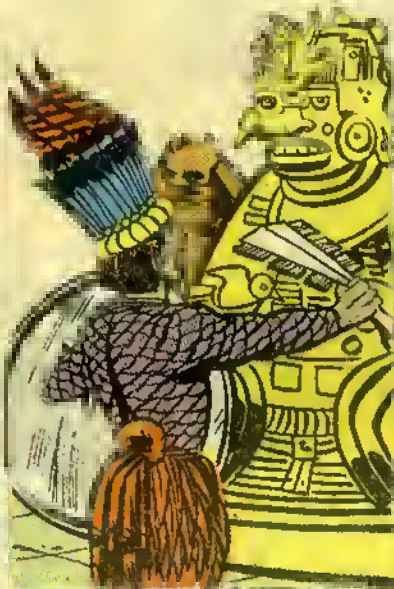
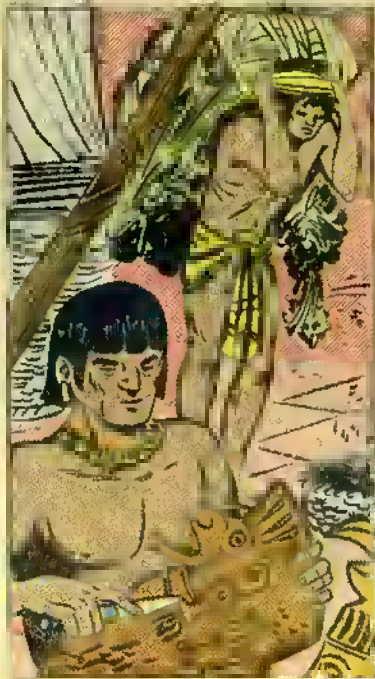
# HISTORY IN OUR BACKYARD

WHEN THE OLD WORLD WAS STEEPED IN ITS DARK MIDDLE AGES, OUR NEIGHBORS TO THE SOUTH IN MEXICO WERE A PARADOX CIVILIZATION! THE AZTEC NATION WAS IN FULL BLOOM AS AN IMPORTANT POWER! THEIR WELL DOCUMENTED HISTORY GIVES US AN INSIGHT TO A PEOPLE OF WEALTH AND CULTURE WHO ALSO PRACTISED A BARBARIC RELIGION... THE OFFERING OF HUMAN SACRIFICES TO THEIR GODS...

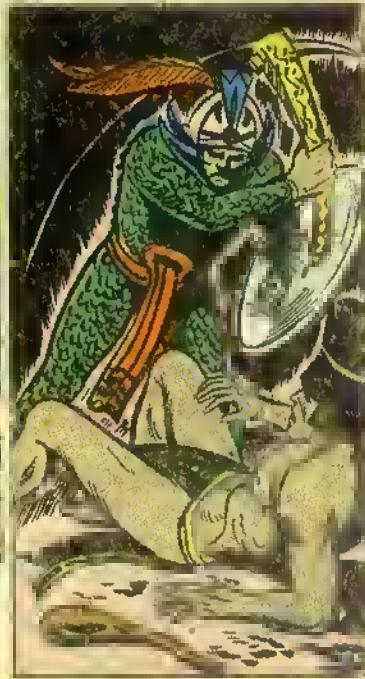


THE AZTECS DID NOT BECOME A REAL POWER UNTIL 1427 WHEN THEY EMERGED AS EXCELLENT FARMERS AND CRAFTSMEN...

AZTEC PRISONERS OF WAR COULD GAIN THEIR FREEDOM BY BESTING FIVE WARRIORS IN COMBAT! HIS CHANCES WERE VERY SLIM...



BUT FIGHTING AND RELIGION WERE THE PRINCIPAL AZTEC PURSUITS! THE WARRIOR PRAYS TO HIS WAR GOD "HUITZILOPOCHTLI" FOR VICTORY IN BATTLE!

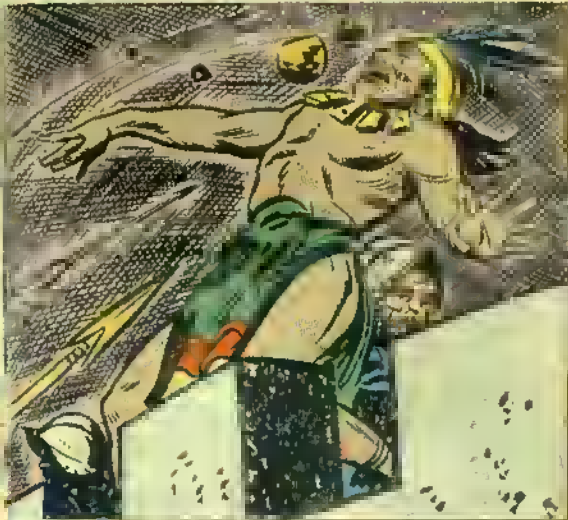




IN 1519, CORTES AND HIS FOLLOWERS CAME FROM SPAIN TO DISCOVER THIS TEEMING CIVILIZATION...

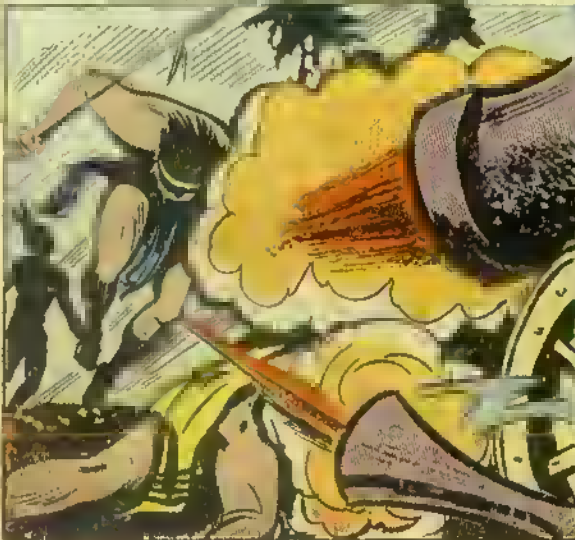


MONTEZUMA, THE REIGNING KING, RECEIVED THE FOREIGNERS AND GAVE THEM PALACES TO LIVE IN. CORTES, BLINDED BY ALL THE WEALTH AROUND HIM, KIDNAPPED MONTEZUMA AND HELD HIM FOR RANSOM...



IN AN ATTEMPT TO FREE THEIR KING, MONTEZUMA, THE HOSTAGE WAS KILLED AND A FIERCE BATTLE ENSUED! THE SPANIARDS, OUTNUMBERED, RETREATED....

CORTES RETURNED WITH REINFORCEMENTS AND FINALLY CONQUERED THE AZTEC NATION WITH SUPERIOR FORCE OF ARMS...



AFTER THEIR DEFEAT AND SURRENDER, THE AZTEC NATION EXISTED NO MORE, BUT TO THIS DAY THEIR CULTURE EXERTS A DEFINITE INFLUENCE ON ALL OF MEXICO!

The END

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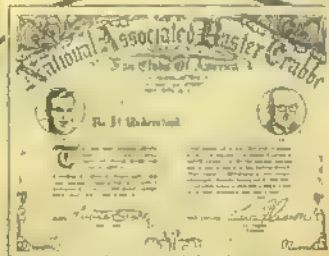
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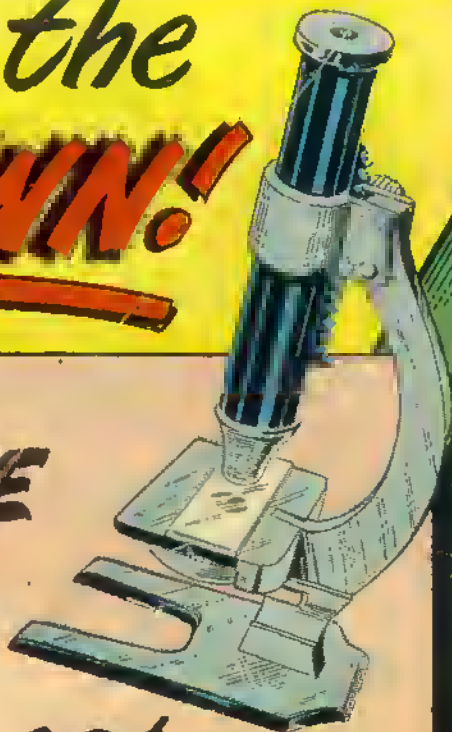


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